

REMARKS

Claims 157-207 and 209-215 are pending after this amendment. Claims 37-39, 43, 156 and 208 have been cancelled.

Claims 37-39, 43, 156 and 208

The Office Action cited US Patent No. 4,333,009 (Stevens) in relation to claims 37-39, 43, 156 and 208. The Applicant has cancelled claims 37-39, 43, 156 and 208 solely to expedite the prosecution of the current application. The Applicant specifically reserves the right to present claims to the subject matter of claims 37-39, 43, 156 and 208 in a continuation or continuation in part application and, if necessary, to submit arguments explaining why those claims are patentable over Stevens.

Claims 157-207 and 209-215

The Examiner has indicated that claims 157-207 and 209-215 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has done this by amending claims 157, 182, 188, 209 and 212 to include the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

The Applicant has made minor grammatical amendments to claims 191 and 213 to provide antecedent references for features of the claims. These grammatical amendments are submitted not to contain any new matter and not to alter the scope of claim 191 or claim 213.

The Applicant submits that claims 157-207 and 209-215 are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusions

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments and remarks presented above.

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